present state of the Interportal Convention. As those negotiations have been going on for some years it was hoped that with the emergence of the Federation the matter will be settled. But, Federation has for the time being receded and therefore it may be necessary to re-start those negotiations again, and steps are being taken for that purpose. Until those negotiations come to some kind of definite conclusion, it is not the policy of the Government to alter our present export duty and the quantum of export duty. Government are aware that the duty does produce grave injustices in some cases. But in the larger public interests it is essential for us to collect at the rates at which we have been collecting duties on these commodities in order that we may be able to point out that notwithstanding our best endeavours we are not able to get that aggregate revenue which we according to our contention are entitled to if the Interportal Convention were revised according to what we considered to be the dictates of commonsense and of equity.

Ascu Treatment.

84. ✻ **MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Tovala* cum *Agastiswaram*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of ascu treatment plants when Mr. Kamesam left Travancore service ;

(*b*) the number of plant operators now in service ;

(*c*) the number of days in which each plant has been worked in this year ;

(*d*) the quantity of timber that has undergone ascu treatment from 1-1-1116 to 30th Vykasi 1116 ;

(*e*) the average quantity of chemicals for the working of a plant a day ;

(*f*) the quantity of chemicals now in stock with the department ; and

(*g*) the quantity of chemicals spent from 1-1-1116 to 30th Vykasi 1116 ?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR : (*a*) Three.

(*b*) Three.

(*c*) 85, 12, and nil, respectively.

(*d*) 16,352 c. ft. of timber and 27,224 sq. ft. of bamboo matting.

(*e*) 40 lbs.

(*f*) 7 tons and 14 cwts.

(*g*) 1 ton, 13 cwts. and 88 lbs.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : May I know whether the *ascu* plant operators are given their pay for the full year ?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR : Yes.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : Have all the *ascu* operators work in that time ?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR : Those who have no work are given other duties to attend to.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : May I know what is the nature of such duty allotted to them ?

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RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: Some are engaged in plywood manufacture.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: May I know the quantity of sawn treated timber stocked at present?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: I claim notice.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: May I know the quantity sold outside during this year?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: Practically nil.

Appointment of Magistrates from the Bar.

55. *MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP (Karunagapalli cum Kartikapalli): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Second class or Third class Magistrates appointed after 1-1-1114 by the Government from the Bar;

(b) the caste and names of them; and

(c) whether the number is in conformity with the accepted communal ratio of the Public Service Rules?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: (a) Five.

	Name.	Caste.
(b)	Mr. E. K. Varkey	Syriac Catholic.
	,, M. Kesava Panicker	Ezhava.
	,, K. Madhavan	Ezhava.
	,, V. G. Syriac	Syriac Catholic.
	,, P. C. Kunnah Chettiar	Other Hindu.

(c) No.

MR. KANKANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: In answer to part (c) of the question, may I know whether the appointments were made in conformity with the Public Service Recruitment Rules which say that the principle of communal ratio should be adhered to?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: The appointment of Magistrates does not come within the purview of Public Service Recruitment Rules.

MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know why no Latin Catholic has been appointed.

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: There was no suitable candidate among the applicants.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: മി. കെ. മാധവൻ എന്നതൊഴിച്ച് ഇവിടെ നിയമിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നവരെല്ലാം ഈഴവരാണോ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: അതെ.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: ഈഴവരെ ഈഴവർക്കിടയിൽ നിന്നു തിരഞ്ഞെടുക്കുന്നതിൽ ഇവരെക്കാൾ യോഗ്യരായ ആരും സർവീസിൽ ഇല്ലേ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: ഇല്ല.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: ഈഴവരിൽ മലയാളികളുടെ കൂട്ടത്തിൽ ഇവരെക്കാൾ യോഗ്യരായ മി. കേശവപിള്ളക്കർ മറ്റാരുമില്ല എന്നു

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